

INDIA



BORDERS

North: China, Nepal and Bhutan

West: Pakistan and Arabian Sea

East: Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bay of Bengal

South: Indian Ocean



Capital city: New Delhi

Biggest city: Bombay

Form of Government: Federal republic

Head of State: President

Head of Government: Prime Minister

ENVIRONMENT

- Great Himalayan Range in the north
- Thar Desert in the west
- Sandy beaches along the coast
- Main river: Ganges

CLIMATE

- Three seasons:
 - Hot
 - Wet
 - Cold

The climate varies from tropical in the south to temperate in the north.



HISTORY

- First settlements: about 9000 years ago. It developed into the Indus Valley Civilisation.
- 15^o century: Portuguese, Dutch, French and English started to establish their colonies.
- In 1840 India was under British rule.
- Mahatma Gandhi fought for freedom.
- India became independent from British rule in 1947.

PEOPLE

- India was the birthplace of two religions: Hinduism and Buddhism
- In India there are different ethnic groups.
- Hindi is the national language. English is important for national, political and commercial communication.



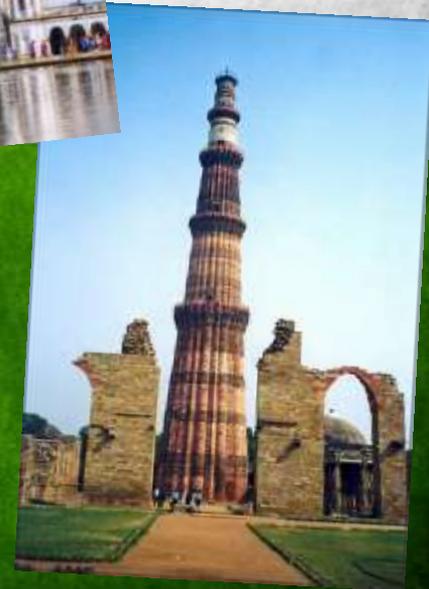
PROBLEMS



- **Women**
- Girls seen as a problem for the family.
- Arranged marriages still the norm.
- Girls get married in the early teens to men they've never met.
- **Castes**
- Society is divided in castes.
- Castes are separated socially, economically and physically.

Sights

- Taj Mahal
- Ranthambore National Park
- Qutub-minar
- Golden Temple of Amritsar.



BOLLYWOOD

The term Bollywood is a fusion of the terms Bombay and Hollywood.

Bollywood is the Hindi-language film industry.

The film arrived in India in 1896 and in 1913 was made the first film.

In Bollywood music is an essential part because of the Indian culture. Equally important is the dance.



INTERESTING FACTS

- It is illegal to take Indian currency out of India.
- Cows are considered sacred.
- The Bengal Tiger is India's national animal.
- India is the birthplace of chess.
- India is the world's largest tea producer.

